TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1659 - HB 2307

February 4, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes victims of certain sexually related offenses to receive payments from the victim's compensation fund even if such victim did not report such crimes within the time frame stipulated by current law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$245,100/Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

Other Fiscal Impact – According to the Department of Treasury, the federal government reimburses the state 60 percent for certain qualified payments from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. Based upon their analysis, some of the additional claims that will be authorized under this bill will likely not qualify for federal reimbursement. As a result, there is a potential decrease in federal funds to the state up to $$147,060 ($245,100 \times 60\%)$.

Assumptions:

- Based upon analysis of claims from FY12-13, and information provided by the Department of the Treasury, it is estimated there will be an additional 100 claims approved annually under the provisions of this bill.
- Based upon analysis of claims from FY12-13, and information provided by the Department of the Treasury, each additional claim will be eligible for an average payment of approximately \$2,451.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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